

PRICE TH

...MER TO BE KICKED OUT
...naturally the Keans, the
...genheim, the Stephensons
...other wearers of purchased
...togas, are quite willing to drag
...in at any cost of honor or de-
...cency their bribery-besmirched
...fellow, Lorimer. Conscious of
...the tainted character of their
...titles to the seats they themselves
...dishonor, they are willing to de-
...scend—if such low cattle can de-
...scend—even to falsification and
...juggling of the record, whose
...facts damn Lorimer past all help
...or apology. No smell of cor-
...ruption—not even the confession
...of three Democratic members of
...the Illinois Legislature, includ-
...ing the Speaker that they re-
...ceived \$4000 apiece to vote for
...this Republican plutocrat—can
...reach their gross nostrils—they
...are so "native and to the man-
...ner born." But the people's
...representatives, the glorious In-
...surgents, are still on guard and
...that cheeky, money vulgarism is
...to be indignantly kicked out.

So, also, another "boughten"
seat will probably be vacated in
like summary fashion—Stephen-
son's, of Wisconsin; the details
of his corrupt bargain being at
last, after two years investiga-
tions, unearthed. Since this
precious pair of senatorial bod-
lers, Lorimer and Stephenson,
represent the "lumber interests"—
not the American people—it
will be quite appropriate to make
them both "walk the plank."
If, however, the open audacity
of this bi-partisan purchase of
Lorimer's robe, shall stir to re-
volt the too long patient people,
like as when that Roman million-
aire, Didius Julianus bought the
imperial purple at the Pictorian
auction, then even the infamy of
it all will not have been vain, for
it will hasten the determina-
tion of American freemen to
break up forever this unseemly
custom of rich knaves or ninnies
"wearing the straightened fore-
head of the fool," presuming to
annex senatorial honors solely by
their own check books.

SENATOR EVANS in presenting
his bill that U. S. senators be
elected by the people, is creditably
seeking to put Delaware in
step with a reform that is sweep-
ing over the country and whose
early adoption is now assured.

SECRET OF THE MAIN
The bringing to the surface the other
day a section of the coal bunkers of the
battleship Maine, from a position outside
the ship, has set Havana theorists to work
afresh on the 12 year-old puzzle of whether
the ship was sent to the bottom of Havana
harbor by an internal or explosion.
By some process of reasoning that does
not appear plain, the writer of one dis-
patch arrives at the conclusion, from the
new evidence, that the ship was blown
up from without. So far as most persons
can see, the writer might as easily have
reasoned that she was blown up from
within, sending the coal bunkers out-
ward.
From present indications the secret of
the Maine is likely to remain a secret for
some time longer. From time to time
theories of the origin of the fatal ex-
plosion may be expected from the watch-
ers of the word of excavation, who line
the sunny shores of Havana harbor and
promenade the Prado, as the exhumation
goes on.
If the riddle of the Maine's destruction
is to be solved it will be done by trained
men when the ship has been raised and
inspected. Even then we may be left in
doubt as to whether the Cuban, the Span-
ard or some unlucky circumstance on
board the ship sent scores of brave fellows
to their graves and plunged two nations
in a needless and regretted war.—Boston
Globe.

To Dredge Delaware Rivers
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19th—Senator H. A.
DuPont and Representative William H.
Held of Delaware appeared before the
Senate committee on commerce, to-day,
to advocate the bill introduced by Rep-
resentative Held in the House which
authorizes the Secretary of War to pur-
chase or have constructed a suitable
dredging plant for use in improving and
maintaining the channels in streams
tributary to the Delaware Bay. The bill
asks for an appropriation of \$50,000 for
the above named purpose.
A similar bill has been introduced in
the Senate by Mr. De Post as an amend-
ment to the Rivers and Harbors bill,
which was passed by the House and is
now in the Senate committee on com-
merce.

WARWICK
Professor Guy Johnson spent Tuesday
in Baltimore.
Miss Mary J. Lynch is being entertain-
ed by Miss Mamie Merritt.
Preaching here Sunday morning at
10.30 by Rev. O. M. Callum, pastor.
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson and Miss
Annie Spear spent Saturday in Wilming-
ton.
Mrs. Paul Sedus, of Philadelphia, is
visiting her mother, Mrs. Piner, of near
town.
Mrs. William Williamson has returned
home from visiting friends in German-
town.
Mr. O. E. Lipscomb spent Sunday with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lip-
comb.
Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Merritt, Sr., have
returned home after a week's stay with
Baltimore friends.
Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson were
entertained by Mrs. Fitch Oault, of near
town, on Sunday.
Quite a number of young people were
entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones
last Friday evening.
Mr. Aubrey L. Bancroft, of Philadel-
phia, spent Saturday and Sunday at the
home of Miss Mamie Merritt.

LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED
Receives Governors Message
and Takes up Business
The organization of the Senate was
completed Monday morning, Senator
Drexler joining with his Republican col-
leagues in electing the following officers:
Reading Clerk, Philip Henry Willey, of
Bridgeville; Reading Clerk, Joseph C.
Lawson, of Wilmington; Chaplain, the Rev.
A. W. Lightbourne, of Dover. Dr. W.
D. Burton was elected secretary or chief
clerk when the deadlock was broken last
week by the election of Senator Monahan
as speaker pro tem. The most of
Monday's session was taken up in hear-
ing Governor Pennell's message, an
able document full of good recommenda-
tions. The General Assembly Tuesday
afternoon adjourned to reconvene Mon-
day morning, January 23. The legislative
attorneys were named. Judge Daniel O.
Hastings being named as chief counsel and
James H. Satterfield and E. J. McK.
Javier associate counsel. Judge Hast-
ings retired from the bench as a member
of the State Judiciary Tuesday. The
confirmation of Philip Q. Christman as
an assessor to the Senate as a Committee
of the Whole next Monday morning. At
this time those opposing the confirmation
will be given a chance to state their ob-
jection. On Tuesday next balloting will
begin on the election of a U. S. Senator.
Senator DePost is the census nominee and
will be elected to succeed himself.

Special Sale
+ off Overcoats.
+ off Suits.
\$7.50 Suits.
\$8.50 Suits.
+ Price Suits
\$1.50 Trousers.
\$2.00 Trousers.
65c Shirts.
75c Dozen Collars.
+ off Shoes.
10 per cent. off Tailoring.
We will save you money all
over the store and it will
pay you to come at once as
sizes and lots will soon be
broken.
Biggest
Because MULLIN'S Clothing
Best Shoes
Best Hats

SALES TO TAKE PLACE
Wednesday, January 25th, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by Joshua Hudson, on the "Thomas Cor-
bett Farm," on Bohemia Manor, Md.,
Dr. Chas. R. Biles, auctioneer.

Saturday, January 28th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, house-
hold goods, etc., by J. Walter Vansant, at his
residence in Middletown.

Wednesday, February 1st, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by M. E. Chadwick, on the road leading
from Nantuxton to Fielesboro.

Tuesday, February 7th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by H. L. Neff, on "Oscar Lane," about
2 1/2 miles south of Middletown. George W.
Padley, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 8th, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by Jacob C. VanDyke, at his residence on
VanDyke's Station, D. P. Hutchison,
auctioneer.

Thursday, February 9th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by William J. O'Neil, on his farm one
mile south of St. Georges, Harry V. Buck-
son, auctioneer.

Friday, February 10th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by E. N. Moore, on the "Hangingman" Farm
1 1/2 miles south of Odessa. D. P. Hutch-
ison, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 14th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, house-
hold goods, etc., by George W. Stuckley,
on "John W. Watkins' Farm," near Van
Dyke's school house, 3 miles south of
Towndown.

Tuesday, February 14th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by
William McMillin, at his residence about
2 1/2 miles south of St. Georges, near Bid-
die's Corner, Harry V. Buckson, auc-
tioneer.

Wednesday, February 15th, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by T. E. Clayton, on the Choptank
road, 2 miles west of Mt. Pleasant.

Thursday, February 16th, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by George Hurd, on the "Whiteland
Farm," near Mt. Pleasant. Dr. Chas. R.
Biles, auctioneer.

Monday, February 20th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by Thomas Stuckley, at his residence
"Wantage Hill," one mile from St. Georges.
Harry V. Buckson, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 21st, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by Nehemiah Davis, on the home farm,
near Old St. Anne's Church, D. P. Hutch-
ison, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 22nd, 1911.—Pub-
lic sale of stock, farm implements, etc.,
by John M. Stans, on the road leading
from St. Georges to Nantuxton Mill, one
mile east of Towndown. D. P. Hutch-
ison, auctioneer.

Thursday, February 23rd, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by
Geo. E. W. Rhodes, on the "Newland
Farm," at Armstrong's Corner.

Monday, February 27th, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by
William H. Bland, on the "Julian
Ochran," two miles west of Middletown.
Dr. Chas. R. Biles, auctioneer.

Wednesday, March 1st, 1911.—Public
sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by
Geo. E. W. Rhodes, on the "Hollen
Farm," on the road from Middletown to
Jamestown's Corner.

Thursday, March 2nd, 1911.—Public sale
of stock, farm implements, etc., by
Elihu Plessner, on "Vander's Neck," about
two miles from McDough. Harry V.
Buckson, auctioneer.

Monday, March 6th, 1911.—Public sale
of stock, farm implements, household
goods and provisions by H. Conner, on
the E. L. Price farm, on the road from
Middletown to Warwick.

Tuesday, March 7th, 1911.—Public sale
of stock, farm implements, etc., by
William Murray near Sam's Bridge.
Dr. Charles R. Biles, auctioneer.

Public Sale
The undersigned, having sold his farm,
will sell at Public Sale, without reserve,
at his residence, on the road leading from
Middletown to Jamestown's Corner, about
2 1/2 miles from Middletown, on "Oscar
Lane" road.
Tuesday, FEB. 7th, 11
Positively rain or shine, 11 o'clock, A. M.,
at 5 Horses and Colts
No. 1.—Bay Horse, 8 years old, sound,
good worker and a good driver.
No. 2.—Chestnut, bay horse, 6 years old,
sound and a No. 3 farm horse.
No. 3.—Sherman, black horse, 8 years
old, good driver and a good saddle hack,
feels of all objects. This horse is as
perfect as a man could find.
No. 4.—Maiden, bay mare, 8 years old,
good driver and a first driver, fearless of
all oil-cats and in fact.
No. 5.—Lady, black filly, coming 2
years old, a very promising colt.
6 HEAD OF
Good Milch Cows
These cows I have selected from good
cows and raised them, and they are hard
to beat. Some fresh, others close spring-
ers by day of sale.
100 Bushels of Corn by the Bushel
Farming Implements, &c.
One Deering binder, good as new; 1
Deering mower, new; 1 Black Hawk
drop corn planter, good as new, drill at
tachment; 1 Bickford & Hoffman grain
drill, new, eleven spots, 8 inch drill; 4
grain drills, 11 inch, 1 roller, good as
new; 1 roller, in good order; 1 feed cutter,
in good shape; 1 riding spring tooth har-
row, new; 1 draw barrow, 50 south, new;
1 single harrow, new; 1 roller, good as
new; 1 sulky cultivator, iron edge, new;
1 one horse Cultivator, 1 one-horse Plow,
1 two-horse Oliver Plow No. 10; 1 three-
horse Oliver Plow, No. 40; 1 Grindstone,
1 Farm Roll, Work Bench and Vice,
Lawn Mower, 2 good Pork Barrels and a
good Meat Bench, lot of Grain Bags, 2
half-bushel Measures and 1 peck Measure,
Shovels, Hoes, Forks, Hedge Knives,
Beam and Pea, weighs 500 pounds, and
lots of small articles too numerous to
mention.
Wagons and Harness
One Farm Wagon, 2 Hay Riggings,
good as new, used but a little; 1 York
Carriage, good as new; 1 Spindle Buggy,
in good order; 1 Sleigh and Bells, in good
order; 1 Carriage Pole, 1 Dearborn Pole,
in good order; 2 sets single Carriage Har-
ness, in good order; 1 set double Carriage
Harness, in good order; 2 sets Wagon
Harness, in good order; 2 Collars, Bridles,
Halters, Cow Chains, &c.
HOGS—Three Shoats, weighing about
75 pounds.
POULTRY AND SUPPLIES—Fifty
young mixed Plymouth Rock Hens and
Pullets, several Roosters, 1 Turkey Coop.
DAIRY FIXTURES—Two 20-quart
Milk Cans, 2 Milk Buckets, good as new;
1 Sharpless Separator, good as new; 1
Sprague Grinder and Stuffer, 1 Lad
Pans, new.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—One
Home Comfort, good as new, the best
stove on the market; 1 Marvel Heater, in
good order; Beds and Bedding, lot of
Household Goods too numerous to men-
tion.
Terms of Sale
All sums of \$20 and under, Cash; over
that sum, terms of 3 months, with 5 per
cent. discount for cash. All goods will be
given by purchaser giving bankable
note with approved endorser; interest
added. No goods to be removed until
conditions of sale are complied with.

H. L. Neff,
Geo. W. Padley, Auctioneer.
Julius Cleaver, Outside Clerk.
Geo. L. Townsend, Inside Clerk.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred
The taxable residents of Blackbird
Hundred, and all persons liable to pay
tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified
that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now
due, and the undersigned Tax Collector
for said Hundred, will be at
AT HIS OFFICE, GEORGE M. D. HART,
EVERY SATURDAY,
DURING JANUARY, 1911,
From 1 to 4 P. M.
AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
JANUARY 28th, 1911
From 1 to 4 P. M.
AT DELANEY'S, DAVIS' STORE,
JANUARY 27th, 1911
From 1 to 4 o'clock P. M.
Tax bills can be obtained by making
personal application to the Collector, or
by sending written communication en-
closing stamps.
EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE,
GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF
NEW CASTLE COUNTY:
Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before
the first day of October there shall be an
abatement of five per centum. On all
taxes paid before the first day of Decem-
ber there shall be an abatement of three
per centum. On all taxes paid during the
month of December there shall be no
abatement whatever. And on all taxes
paid on the first day of January five
per centum thereof shall be added there-
to.
JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED
The taxable residents of Appoquinimink
Hundred, and all persons liable to pay
tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified
that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now
due, and the undersigned Tax Collector
for said Hundred, will be at
AT HIS OFFICE, GEORGE M. D. HART,
EVERY SATURDAY,
DURING JANUARY, 1911,
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.
An abatement of five per centum will be
allowed on all taxes paid during the
month of January.
Tax bills can be obtained by making
personal application to the Collector, or
by sending written communication en-
closing stamps.
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month of December there shall be no
abatement whatever. And on all taxes
paid on the first day of January five
per centum thereof shall be added there-
to.
WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

For
NEAT and BEST
JOB WORK
Apply to This Office

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
St. Georges Hundred
The taxable residents of St. Georges
Hundred, and all persons liable to pay
tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified
that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now
due, and the undersigned Tax Collector
for said Hundred, will be at
AT HIS OFFICE, GEORGE M. D. HART,
EVERY SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1911,
From 1 to 3 P. M.
AT HENRY CLAY'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1911
From 1 to 3 P. M.
EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE,
GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER
30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS
AMENDED:
Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before
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paid on the first day of January five
per centum thereof shall be added there-
to.
JOHN E. DENNY,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hun-
dred.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH
MUSIC
Columbia
Graphophones
Disc and
Cylinder Records
—AT—
W. S. Letherbury's
Only Two More Days
Low Priced Sale!
As we must vacate the premises we now occupy before
January 25th, we are forced to sell our
remaining stock at once. Our
stock consists of
Men's and Boys'
Suits and Overcoats
Furnishings
Hats and Shoes
COME AT ONCE
This is final
J. HOLLINS
Town Hall Building
Middletown, Delaware

Clearance Sale!
We will move to our new store, Corner Broad
and Main Streets, on or about February
25th. In order to have as little to move as
possible we have marked down every piece of goods
in our store from 1-3 to 1-2 of its regular price.

Ladies' and Misses' Coat Suits
25.00 Ladies' and Misses' Coat Suit \$15.50
20.00 " " " " 15.00
18.00 " " " " 12.00
15.00 " " " " 10.00
12.00 " " " " 8.50
Childrens' Coats
Children's \$5.00 and \$4.00 Coats \$2.98
" 3.50 and 3.00 " 1.98
Ladies' and Misses' Skirts, all colors and sizes,
\$5.00 and \$6.00, \$2.98.

WAISTS
Waists in silk, nett, messaline, madras, linen,
linen and batiste, also a few samples of wool waists,
all reduced 1-2 to 1-3.

All our furs, blankets, sweaters, childrens'
dresses and underwear. If you want any of these
bargains you must come early. The balance of our
stock will positively be sold before moving regard-
less of cost.

A. FOGEL
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

10 DAYS'
FREE TRIAL
Pay Nothing Down
If you cannot
call at our store,
simply mail us
your name and we
will deliver to you
a full size linen
drawer and a large
commodious space
for drawers and
solid brass
handles and solid
drawers. The side-
board is full size,
measuring 36 inches
high, 44 inches
wide, 22 inches
deep and a full-size
French bevel plate
mirror, 24x36.
SOLD TO YOU AT
SPECIAL PRICE.....\$17.50
Write For Furniture Catalogue.
MAIL ORDERS FILLED EVERY-
WHERE.
OGDEN-HOWARD CO.,
5th and King Streets
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

WORTH \$50
The Sideboard is exactly like cut;
made of selected
solid golden oak, polished
solid brass handles and solid
drawers. The side-
board is full size,
measuring 36 inches
high, 44 inches
wide, 22 inches
deep and a full-size
French bevel plate
mirror, 24x36.
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OGDEN-HOWARD CO.,
5th and King Streets
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Men's Overcoats
Men's Suits
20 Per Cent. Below Regular Price 20 Per Cent. Below Regular Price

Boys' Overcoats
Boys' Bloomer Suits
20 Per Cent. Below Regular Prices 20 Per Cent. Below Regular Prices

Boys' Sweaters, Men's Sweaters, Men's
and Boys' Soft Hats, Men's Pant-
aloons, Suspenders, Neck-
wear, Gloves, Etc.

All we ask is that you visit us before you buy. We
can satisfy you that this is the store that will save you
money. And remember, every dollar saved is just that
much more in your pocket for Christmas.

Make This Your Headquarters When in Town.

James H. Wright
Clothier and Furnisher
Market and Eighth Streets
Wilmington, Delaware

M. BANNING
East Main Street Market
DEALER IN
Fine Groceries, Provisions, Dry Goods,
Notions, Oil Cloth, Matting, Rugs,
Window Shades, etc.

Here are some specials for this week:
One lot of No. 8 heavy galvanized wash boilers,
hand made, at \$1.00 each.
One lot of three sewed brooms, well made, at 25c
each.
Several pretty patterns in heavy outing flannel was
10c, now 8c a yard.
One roll of heavy gran carpet, very pretty pattern,
at 25c a yard.
To our many other lines of coffee, we have added
Lord Calvert at 35c a pound or 3 pounds for \$1.00. This
being a special price now. After using a pound of this
coffee, if you are not satisfied in every respect, your
money kindly refunded.
Don't forget our wall paper room as we have now
about completed our line for spring. Come and examine
our stock and prices before looking elsewhere.

M. BANNING
Phone 60 East Main St
Middletown, Delaware

Land Lime!
I am taking orders for LeGore High Grade Lime.
Car. guaranteed to have the highest average analysis of
any lime in use and each carload sold is billed from the
kilns of LeGore to the purchaser, which gives him a guar-
antee that he gets what he buys and sold at the lowest
standard price either for cash or on time to suit the pur-
chaser. Give me a call and get my price and terms before
you place your orders or will call and see you at your re-
quest. Can furnish the LeGore's quick lime either in
stone or ground in bags or hydrated in bags or loose in
cars, in carload lots to suit purchaser. Can also furnish
you Tidewater Hydrated Lime in bags, in carload lots or
on rivers and creeks, in Cecil County, Maryland, at short
notice.
LeGore analysis over 97
Tidewater analysis over 96.
J. A. CLEAVER, Agent
For two above High-grade Lime.
TESTIMONIAL
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., January 5th, 1910.
This is to certify that I have been using the LeGore Combination
Lime for 10 years, and have got good results from the use of this lime.
My crops have increased one-third or more, and my grass and hay have
been the best of the neighborhood. My land is free from sheep rot
and old field sage, which I had when I commenced using LeGore's lime.
I always use the stone lime and truly believe in LeGore's lime—would
no other and recommend it to any farmer who wants lime, as I consider
it the best. I bought all of my lime from J. A. Cleaver, Agent for Le-
Gore Lime Co.
JAMES T. JARRELL

The Transcript, \$1.

The Middletown Transcript

Middleton, Del., Jan. 21, 1911.
Going North—2:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Going South—2:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
For Odessa—2:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Eastville 5:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

FOR RENT—Sub E. East Main St. Also Stable West Main St.

G. E. HUKILL.
Just received a Car Load No. 2 WESTERN RE-CLEANED OATS.

S. B. FOARD.
FOR RENT—The 8 room dwelling on East Main street now occupied by John Beuhm. Apply to

Mrs. H. V. PARVIS.
Real Estate Broker E. H. Beck has sold the Gilpin property on West Main street, to Mr. Joseph L. Gibson, of Odessa.

A little attention given your teeth now may save you future trouble and expense. Dr. Johnson will make examination and estimate without charge.

A house to rent, on East Main St., now occupied by Mrs. McKee, open for inspection March 25, apply to

MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD.
LOST—Black folding pocketbook containing \$25 in bills and check. Suitable reward if returned to W. T. Pearce, Jr., Middletown Farms Creamery.

Revival services are still being held at Bethesda M. E. Church. The usual Sabbath services with the pastor, Dr. Vanghan B. Collins officiating.

I am prepared to do all kinds of artificial hair work at short notice. Finger puffs, switches, transformations, etc., made from combings or new hair.

E. S. JONES.
J. Waters Russell, Real Estate Broker, of Chesterdown, Md., has sold the Dempsey farm, between Galena and Sassafras, Md., containing 202 acres to Thomas Dunn, of Masses.

Squire Alfred G. Cox on Saturday fined Fred Lloyd, colored, who assaulted several white men at Kirkwood recently, \$30 and costs. Lloyd was apprehended by Constable Dickinson after a long search.

MALE HELP WANTED—Salesman to sell entirely or side line, improved \$1,000 Accident and \$750 Weekly Indemnity Insurance Policy, with registration and identification; \$1 annually, New Jersey Registry Co., Newark, N. J.

Owing to a lack of a quorum the regular meeting of the board of directors of the New Castle County Fair Association was postponed Tuesday afternoon. The next meeting of the board will be held on the third Tuesday in February.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the First Presbyterian Church has thoroughly renovated the main auditorium and placed a handsome new Wilton velvet carpet on the floor; and the congregation will worship in the auditorium on next Sunday.

Uncle Sam's Letter—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending January 12th: Miss Ida Starkey, J. V. Fidanis, Frank Pangle, Thomas E. Parnell, M. Labor Clara Eganio, Dr. Benedetto Francesco.

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Phone 5 and 48. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Wednesday, March 8th, 1911.—Annual Public Sale of 100 Horses, Cows and Mules, by William H. Collins, at his stables in Smyrna, Del. Street parade led by the Smyrna Band. Free dinner. Wm. H. Collins, Ring Master. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

FARMERS improve your Land by using BARRICK & SONS' HIGH GRADE CARBONATE OF LIME, both Lump and Hydrated. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ascertain our prices and Terms before placing your order.

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The matinee euchre was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank J. Pennington Wednesday afternoon. The first prize was awarded to Miss May Holten; second to Mrs. J. Allen Johnson, and the consolation to Mrs. J. G. Bragdon.

The guest's first prize was won by Mrs. Ethel Price, and the second by Miss Laura Willis.

Mr. Eugene Shalleron, son of James T. Shalleron, has received from Mr. E. G. Shortledge, superintendent of the fish hatchery, 17 fine black bass, which have been placed in the mill pond at the McDougough Mills, near town. The fish were very fine specimens, weighing about one pound, and it is hoped the pond will soon be well stocked.

Harvey Davis, colored, was seriously injured in the yard of the National Hotel last Saturday afternoon. Davis got into an altercation with Lillie Waters, of "Middle Neck," and in the mix-up Waters hit Davis over the head with a club. Davis seemed to be dazed by the blow and after consulting a local physician, was advised to go to the hospital for treatment and left for Wilmington on the 6:47 P. M. train.

Mr. Hollins Goes Next Week
Middletown is soon to lose a good citizen, and THE TRANSCRIPT for one is sorry—Mr. J. Hollins who for over a year has kept a clothing store in the Town Hall. Mr. Hollins is absolutely honest and very honorably refused to leave a single debt behind him. Too modest and easy he has been, to win at once the business success, his honesty merits.

Though his trade was improving, he has decided to resume business in Berlin, Md., where, being known, he already has the confidence of the community, which, had he remained, he would have won here.

We wish to call attention to his ad. in this issue of THE TRANSCRIPT wherein he offers for Saturday and Sunday only, real bargain in Clothing, Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Shoes and various Men and Boys' Furnishings. We have come to know that Mr. Hollins is a truthful man.

THE TRANSCRIPT wishes Mr. Hollins all the future success in his old home, which so honorable a business gentleman should have.

Johnson-Francis Wedding
Mr. Walter Johnson, chief engineer at the local Light and Water plant, was quietly married in Wilmington on Wednesday last to Miss Mary Frances, of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will reside in Middletown.

NEW CENTURY CLUB MEETS

Music, Address and Very Interesting School Exhibit

On Tuesday afternoon last, the New Century Club in their handsome, roomy new quarters, had an exceptionally interesting program. It was Educational Day, and Mrs. Frederick Brady, who has a praiseworthy enthusiasm for public school work—would that more of our citizens, mothers and fathers, were equally enthusiastic upon this important subject—was chairman for the day.

The exercises were opened by Miss Nellie Janvier, who gave two musical recitations—"Who'll Buy a Dog?" and "The Sleeping Girl", both of which were received with applause. Miss Mary Hutchins playing the accompaniment, which were very cleverly hit off indeed, and greatly amused the audience, an unusually large one.

Mr. A. R. Spaid, superintendent of the public schools for New Castle County, was then introduced, and for about three quarters of an hour delivered an interesting and profitable address upon the public schools, their character, defects and needs.

As an illustration of the waste of school funds caused by scattered, small schools, the speaker instanced a case where, three miles from here, a little school of three children cost the county \$130.00 yearly per scholar as against \$30.00 in our own larger school. Concentration of several small schools within a radius of a few miles, say six or eight in one school at one central point with free transportation to and from such school, would not only give the scholars much better educational advantages, and be largely conducive to their health in bad weather and in winter time, but would also be very much cheaper for the county. Removing the useless parts of a machine is good mechanics, and the same is true of the machinery of our public schools. This is in keeping with the universal trend of modern life, in machinery, business, and government. At the conclusion of the address, Mrs. Brady served refreshments, tea, coffee and "crollers," as delicious as it is their wont to be.

The program of the New Century Club for January 24th is: Mark Twain Day. Mrs. Frank B. Watkins, chairman; motto, "Let us all try to live, so when we die, even the undertaker will be sorry"—Puddin' Head Wilson.

Another highly pleasing feature of the day was the very interesting and creditable exhibit of the work of the various departments of our fine academy.

Affixed to the four walls and piled on the tables were crayons in pen and pencil, water and crayon of all sorts in one or several colors—many of them really superior and showing something like real artistic touches, and all of them good. As the sketches were placed among many examples of penmanship, good, perfectly legible writing done by 5 year olds! Of course the 9 and 15 year scholars do still better, up to the oldest. So, too, there were well-written essays on this or that topic done in good English by the young authors—perhaps some future historians or publicists in Delaware, trying here in early years. Then, on the tables, were examples of bookkeeping, journal, ledger and etc.—all neatly and cleanly executed.

One commendable feature was shown in all the work viz., care, neatness and a plain wish to be accurate: for the teachers to have instilled these great basic ideas into their pupils' minds, is in truth, of greater value than the work itself.

Mrs. Frederick Brady very courteously chaperoned all who came, pointing out with a pleased pride the various performances of the students, big and little. It was truly fine exhibit, well worthy a large and appreciative inspection by the parents and friends of the scholars—though, it did not have. Mrs. Brady said that only about a half dozen or so of the parents saw all this fine work, prepared at cost of so much pains and labor by the scholars themselves, and presented to the public by the teachers and the ladies of the New Century Club at no slight trouble.

THE TRANSCRIPT does not often preach. It must do so a little right here, and say to every parent in this town and vicinity that they made a mistake in failing to visit this school display. A big mistake! Father—Mother—your boy, your girl, tried hard or harder than you know, perhaps to make a fine showing for your credit as well as his or her own and you paid no attention to it! Think you this neglect will serve to spur them to future good work? The scholars were all told to invite their parents and friends; and once more we say you sadly erred in not coming. You should show your interest in this most important work by visiting the schools, especially upon an occasion like this. You are highly privileged to have such educational advantages as the Academy offers, and you owe it to the state, your own children and the skillful and devoted principal and corps of teachers, to show your appreciation. Your visit will do a threefold good, to yourself, your children and the teachers. THE TRANSCRIPT is making a suggestion that a stated day or one-half day, be set apart especially for that purpose to be known as "Visitors' Day" So again we say visit the school!

Eastern Shore Wonder
Cambridge, Md., January 19th.—Charles Shorter, janitor of the Beacon Fire Co., has a pear tree in his yard that has ripe fruit on it, despite the cold weather. Shorter lives on Light street and has a good-sized garden in which are a number of Keller pear trees. Last fall when gathering the pears, he was unable to get a number of them from the top of one of the trees and decided to let them remain for a while. When they failed to fall it was a reasonable time he began to watch them carefully to see how long they would stay on the tree, and yesterday morning he took a number of them around to his home to show them to the pears. There still are several pears on the tree and Shorter will let them stay until they show signs of rotting.

Bank Officers
At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's National Bank held on Saturday, January 14th, the following Board of Directors was elected for the ensuing year: Geo. M. D. Hart, Z. A. Pool, Geo. L. Townsend, Thomas C. Crutchen, J. Frank Elason, Jefferson B. Ford, Chas. H. Salmon, Richard T. Cann, Fred Brady and John F. Ernest.

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PERSONALS

Miss Piza Green is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Rose Weber is visiting friends in Marlinton.

Miss Lena V. State spent Sunday with friends in Chesterdown, Md.

Mrs. Thorndyke Roe, of Greenwood, spent Thursday with relatives here.

Mrs. Ella H. Pennington, of Philadelphia, spent this week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Cleaver, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buehm spent several days this week with friends in Wilmington.

Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Lee have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Johnston.

Mrs. Samuel Biddle and son, Samuel, of near Millington, Md., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pearce.

Miss Mabel Derrickson, of New York, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Derrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Rothwell, of Philadelphia, will spend Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moody Rothwell, on Case Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Beck returned on Tuesday, after spending two weeks in Charlotte, N. C., and other points of interest in the South.

Mrs. Walter Beaten spent part of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Johnston, of near Newark, both of whom have been seriously ill.

Mrs. Clara Ginn, wife of Mr. John E. Ginn, was taken on Tuesday afternoon to the Delaware Hospital, at Wilmington, where an operation was performed on Thursday. We are happy to inform her many friends that it was an entire success and her full recovery is expected.

Mr. Cecil R. Reed and wife from Berkeley, Cal., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris. Mr. Reed, who is a nephew of Mr. Burris, is East on a business trip, and is now in New York City; meanwhile Mr. Reed is having a good time seeing the sights in Boston and other points of interest. THE TRANSCRIPT scribe had the pleasure of meeting these very pleasant "Sunset-land" folk, and wishes they may soon again come to their breezy young West to visit our town.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

It is stated that Congressman William H. Heald has announced that he intends holding a competitive examination about the first week in February to determine upon principal and three alternates to take the examinations for admission to the United States Naval Academy, which is to be held in April and June by the Navy Department. This preliminary examination will be held in Wilmington under the direction of the United States Civil Service Commission and the four men receiving the highest averages on the examination will be designated by Mr. Heald, as principal and three alternates in the order of their standing, to take the final examination. This course was determined upon by Mr. Heald because he thought by this method he would be able to decide as to who was best fitted to take the final test for admission. Those who are desirous of taking this preliminary examination should notify Congressman Heald at the House of Representatives, Washington, stating at the same time, their age and height.

Soper Cinches Sweepstakes

Prizes in Delaware's greatest staple show were awarded last week. The general sweepstakes winner, Francis M. Soper, was immediately complimented by the purchase of his entire exhibit by J. G. Harrison & Son of Berlin, who propose to make a great exhibit of their nursery stock and the fruit that can be grown from their varieties in Reading Terminal station, Philadelphia, this week. The Soper exhibit was shipped to Philadelphia.

In awarding the apple prizes at this most significant exhibition, the judges agreed to call to three men from out of the State—W. H. Reid, Horace Roberts and C. E. Bassett, and after a long deliberation the prizes were announced, the judges being unanimous in awarding the general display prize to Mr. Soper.

"He has attained absolute perfection in high color and symmetry," said one of the judges, "and he has enabled Delaware to best Oregon, a feat that was heretofore deemed impossible."

Close to Mr. Soper were F. C. Bancroft, Dr. A. Smith, J. T. Shalleron of Middletown, and several Sussex growers.

LEVY COURT BILLS

The legislative committee of the Levy Court, comprising Messrs. Dennison, Thompson and Elliott, and the court's attorney, Philip L. Garrett, held a conference yesterday afternoon in reference to bills which the court contemplates presenting to the Legislature.

One of the bills is petitioning that the Levy Court shall have power to appoint the assessors. The question of assessed property tax, whereby a minimum tax will be \$1 each, will also be included in the legislative report.

The Levy Court expects that it will have eight bills before the Legislature this session. One of them provides for the issuance of bonds to build a bridge across the Christiansa at Fourth street, and another to provide sufficient money to erect an addition to the Court House, Wilmington.

Play at Townsend

On the evening of February 1st a play entitled "The Menemmen Inn," will be given by local talent in the Church Hall, Townsend. The cast includes seventeen young women—no men. It is quite humorous, and judging from the enthusiasm with which the young ladies are preparing, it will be given in a highly creditable manner. This will be the second entertainment given in the interest of a Piano fund for the High School. Admission 5c and 15c seats.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. S. FOARD.
Wheat—No. 1, 83 Corn—
No. 2, 78 Yellow, shelled 47
Timothy Seed \$6.00 clover 47
Clover Seed \$10.50 oats 30
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY
Creamery Butter, per lb. 30c
Country Butter, per lb. 28c
Lard, per lb. 12c
Live Chickens, per lb. 12c
Potatoes 30c

A DELAWARE ARTIST

Praise For Mr. Stanley M. Arthur's Work

"Stanley M. Arthur is finishing another series of paintings to be accompanied by an article, which will recall the stage coach series that he produced about two years ago. The new paintings are of old steamboats, or rather of the new steamboats, as they show the very various phases of steamboat travel in this country the period covering the most picturesque time of our history—between 1807 and the thirties—when architecture, dress, furniture, and modes of travel were worthy of the artist's brush. Beginning with the Clermont and continuing to the thirties, Mr. Arthur will show in picture and story the development of steamboat travel in the East, not including the Mississippi, though a few Western pictures."

This series will appear in Scribner's magazine, probably in the midwinter number, a very appropriate time. Work along this line has been done by Mr. Arthur before. He painted the Clermont as she looked in the Hudson River in contrast to more modern craft, for a frontispiece for Scribner's at the time of the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and on this stage coach series he painted a steamboat at a landing, where a lady in the most elegant fashion of the day was carrying a huge bonnet in transition from boat to coach. This found favor immediately and at the first exhibition of the painting, held in Boston, was purchased by one of the Gardner family of Venetian palace fame."

THE TRANSCRIPT confesses that it has a fondness—not to say an amiable weakness, if you please—for boosting our "Delaware boys" like to see the "Blue Hen's Chickens" taking their first prize in the country's big poultry show—and they do take them quite often these days as they even have in past times.

We quote below an appreciative notice of the artistic work of one of the foremost of the Pyle group of artists, Mr. Stanley M. Arthur, who has by his native gifts and industry already won for himself an enviable reputation in the world of Art and Letters. We pay Mr. Arthur tribute as just tribute of a home recognition of his talent, all the more willingly and warmly for the reason that his modesty has always forbade his seeking it in any way, most certainly not by the common, cheap advertising methods employed by those of less merit in the ranks of professional and artistic life. It is, therefore, all the more to his credit that he has won his fame and position as an artist solely by his own efforts, by his industry and conscientious devotion to his work and not through the influence or partiality of others.

His father before him possessed much natural ability of the same order, which, had the circumstances of his early life and surroundings permitted, might have brought him like artistic honors. But does not Gray say:

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

Mr. Arthur's mother, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wright, of Middletown, has recently removed from their Kenton home to Wilmington with her daughters, Misses Sylvia and Susan Arthur, and her married daughter, Dr. Frank Virdin, whose husband, Dr. Frank Virdin, has resumed there the practice of his profession. The aunt of Mr. Arthur, Mrs. M. B. Burris, well-known in this community, has herself done some creditable work with the pen.

THE TRANSCRIPT knowing so well the personal and artistic genius of Mr. Arthur, takes unusual pleasure in penning this slight recognition of the large success of a Delaware boy who has emerged from the humble obscurity of a small country village into fame and fortune in the metropolis. We wish him a long continuance of his honorable and creditable career.

TOWNSEND

J. C. VanDyke spent Monday and Tuesday in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor and Mrs. F. C. MacSorley were in Wilmington on Thursday.

W. Harmon Reynolds and wife spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. George Daniels and daughter Elva are spending a few days in Wilmington.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney entertained Mr. Fletcher Schick, of Creston, Md., on Sunday.

Miss Elsie Wright, of Newark, was the guest of Miss Meta MacSorley Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. N. Watts and Mrs. D. B. Jones were the guests of Mrs. Rosa Evans, in Middletown on Monday.

Miss Laura Heavler returned home on Sunday, after spending sometime with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. John W. Morris and family, of near Smyrna, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Lee.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney left on Tuesday for a two week's visit with friends at Washington and Chevy Chase.

Misses Mary Wells and Ethel V. Lee were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lafferty of Clayton, on Sunday.

Miss Elia Maloney has as her guests this week Mrs. Adelheim and Mrs. Elsie and Mrs. Gerring and daughter also Mrs. Scotts.

Mrs. May E. Money and daughter Miss Mary, and Mrs. Walter Money and daughter were the guests of Mr. James Money and family, of near town, on Wednesday.

Jerome D. Niles, M. D., of Philadelphia, graduate of the Medical College of Philadelphia, located here on Thursday last. His office is at Mr. Quilley's home on Main St. In 1900 Dr. Niles was in Odessa for eight months in place of Dr. Smyth, while abroad. Dr. Niles comes highly recommended from that vicinity.

Election of U. S. Senators

Representative Evans, Republican, of Cheswood, caused a stir in the House last Monday when he offered a concurrent resolution favoring the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people and urging an amendment to the Federal Constitution to that effect. Speaker Campbell was about to call for a vote when Representative Moore moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes, which prevailed. The outcome of action on it is awaited with interest. Representative Evans is worthy Lecturer of the State Grange.

ODESSA

Mrs. J. W. Watkins is a Wilmington visitor this week.

Mr. William Gilch was a Wilmington visitor Saturday last.

Mr. William Bogachits spent Wednesday last in Philadelphia.

Miss Francis Watkins is the guest of relatives in Middletown this week.

Miss Howell, of New Castle, spent Sunday last with relatives here.

Miss Lucy Appleton is spending some time with friends near New Castle.

Prof. A. M. Mackey, of Camden, Del., was the guest of Rev. J. H. Gray and wife Sunday.

Miss Ette Berry, of Baltimore, visited her mother, Mrs. Annie B. Berry, part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins are spending a few days this week with relatives at East Orange, N. J.

Mrs. Emily McOlellan, of Chester, Pa., visited her daughter, Mrs. Malcom Croft, Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Darby, of Clayton, were the guests of his sister, Mrs. George Boyer and family on Sunday.

The revival services at St. Pauls M. E. Church are being held nightly, except Saturday evening. All are urgently requested to attend.

Mrs. Robert Mobery who has been spending some time with her mother, returned to her home in Baltimore Thursday last, accompanied by her sister, Mary Gilch.

On account of the serious illness of Mr. John Armstrong, Sr., his daughters, Mrs. Earl Baum of Delaware City and Miss Minnie Armstrong of the West Chester State Normal School, are spending some time at home.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Louise Queck is visiting Elton relatives.

Mid-year examinations are in progress this week at our town schools.

Mr. Hugh W. Caldwell spent from Friday until Sunday in Baltimore.

Mrs. A. J. DeCoursey is spending some time with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. Harry W. Kibler is spending ten days with relatives in New York City.

Miss Sallie Woodall, of Georgetown, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jas. S. Hopper.

Mr. Vessey Stradley will carry the mail on the star route between here and Elkton.

Mrs. Ida Bonchelle spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Clayton, near town.

Mr. Fred Cooling, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother Chas. W. Cooling.

A barge will be launched by the Delbert Boat Co. on Saturday (to-day) for the Southern Transportation Co.

Dr. H. Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent several days this and last week with his father, who has been quite sick.

The ladies of the "Church of the Good Shepherd" are practicing for a "Dress Rehearsal" to be given in the near future.

Mrs. E. A. Beachcroft left on Monday for a six weeks visit to Wilmington, Federalburg and Baltimore, and Petersburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin G. Griffith and daughter Emma were Baltimore visitors the past week. Mr. Griffith attended the Banquet at the "Hotel Bennett" given by Governor Austin Crothers.

BLACKBIRD

Mrs. Conrad Zachies, of Port Penn, is visiting her sister, Anna Keen.

Miss Beulah Decker, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. William McVey and Mrs. William Carrander, of Marlinton, spent Saturday and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Pearson, near Blackbird Station.

Mrs. William L. Reynolds, Jr., spent Saturday with her father, Mr. David W. Staats.

Mr. W. A. Watson, Jr., spent last Thursday in Wilmington.

Mr. Irving Brockson, of Middletown, spent over Sunday with his uncle, Mr. J. E. Brockson and family.

Our Epworth League services will be held to-morrow evening by Mr. William Fortner. The topic being: "Life Building."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, at Blackbird Station, were given a surprise last Thursday evening by a number of their friends. The evening was spent in music and singing. At an early hour the guests were invited to the dining-room where refreshments were served, after which they departed for their homes each one expressing a delightful time. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hutchison, Mrs. Jacob H. Spicer, Mrs. James A. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. John Knox, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Heindel, Mrs. Plummer, Miss Ethel Marker and Miss Ethel Penmore, Mr. Hill and Mr. G. H. Records.

CECILTON

Dr. E. N. Crawford was an Elkton visitor last Wednesday.

Mr. Fuller, of Baltimore, is spending this week with Mr. J. H. Smith.

Miss Regina Price was the guest of Miss Blanche Brown one day last week.

Miss Florence Cecil, of near Wyoming, has been visiting Mrs. O. E. Jones.

Mrs. Arrie McCoy spent Thursday last week with Mrs. Schofield in Fredericktown.

Mrs. Gertrude Schyle, of Germantown, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. W. Lueby.

Mrs. William Freeman and son, of Philadelphia, were the guests of her parents recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William McMillan, of near Port Penn, are visiting Mrs. Arrie McCoy this week.

Miss Ella Cannon, of Town Point, and Miss Myrtle Stradley, of Warwick, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mrs. George Beaton and Mr. J. W. Davis spent Friday and Saturday last week with relatives in Philadelphia.

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Saw Mill Burned

Sunday morning about ten o'clock the saw mill of Sherman Dayett, located in the woods on the Levy farm two miles south of Elkton, Md., was destroyed by fire. It was thought to have been started by a firebug, but Sheriff McCallister, who investigated, thinks it was more likely caused by boys smoking in the building. The structure was only a temporary one and the loss about \$300.

Public Sale

The undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale, at his residence, the Rothwell Landing Farm, on road leading from Smyrna to Woodland Beach,

Two Miles from Smyrna, Thursday, FEB. 2d, '11

At 9 o'clock, A. M.,
The following personal property, to-wit:
26 HEAD OF GOOD HORSES & MULES

No. 1 and 2—George and Oakley, pair of known horses, 7 and 14 years old respectively, 1550 pounds each, 1500 pounds each, kind in all harness.

No. 3 and 4—Sherman and Dixie, pair of bay horses, 6 and 8 years old, a fine team.

No. 5 and 6—Belton and Fannie, pair of bay pacers, 6 years old each. Belton is a gentleman's driver, is speedy and very promising. Fannie is a good second.

No. 7 and 8—Kate and Dewey, pair of gray, 10 years old each, weighing 2400 pounds, an excellent draught team.

The Law in Happy Valley

BY ROLAND ASHFORD PHILLIPS

They had chased the man for three days. In this span of time the posse, with Hampton, the sheriff, at their head, never faltered in their grim pursuit of justice. They gave the fugitive no time to break his fact nor to sleep. They drove him halfway across the desert, up through the tangle of scrub oak, down one gulch after another, tirelessly, relentlessly. Ned Hampton was a man to whom duty stood above everything else.

I'll get that Spider, he declared, when the first news of the murder at Hardson's ranch reached his ears. I'll get him or I'll never come back to camp.

Harvey Kemp, otherwise known as Spider—a sobriquet he had picked up on the other side of the range—had had a full six hours' start of the posse, and had led them a merry chase across the country. At first it had been on horseback, then the fugitive's mount broke a leg and he took to the underbrush. Hampton and the boys overtook and shot the pinto, left their own ponies at a convenient ranch-house, and immediately scattered into the maze and tangle of the mountain shoulders. They easily found and kept his trail, since he made no pretense at effacing it, and as the hour dragged along from dawn until near mid-afternoon, they instinctively realized the fact that they were steadily and surely gaining upon him. At one place the men came upon a narrow gulch which Spider had leaped, and had fallen, injuring himself. And at intervals they found blood splashes.

Hart himself, one of the men venturing, as they passed beyond the drying marks. He's getting all tuckered out, I'm allowin'. Seems like he's headin' for old Bear Creek Canyon, too.

Hampton, overhearing, laughed grimly. Bear Creek Canyon was a trap. Spider evidently did not know it, but the posse did, and each man of them chuckled. The canyon, widening at this juncture, narrowed farther on, like the neck of a bottle. In this neck lay Happy Hollow Ranch.

He's likely to lay around Happy Hollow for a bit of rest, the first man spoke up again. We ought to warn Hillman. He'd be able to give us a hand.

Good idea! Hampton vouched; and at his orders they halted for the final instructions. No one at the Hillman place but himself and daughter. Boys mostly out on the round-up. We'll split, and half of us will cut across the hill toward the ranch.

The first man laughed shortly. Hillman's girl is that kind to feel sorry for Spider and let him hide, he broke out. A sympathetic little cuss, hatin' to see any sufferin'. I remember the time when she mothered half a dozen chipmunks 'cause I shot the old one.

Hillman, driving in from camp by another route, told Gloria the news. The girl listened quietly. They've trailed Spider for three days, he went on, after he had finished supper and was helping with the dishes. Think like as not they'll head him toward us. If he strikes the canyon—well, there ain't no other way out, unless he flies.

And suppose—suppose he stops here, daddy? the girl asked suddenly. The old man shrugged his shoulders and went over to the window. There's a thousand dollars' reward offered, he ventured, after the pause in which he lowered the shade. Reckon I could use it as well as anybody.

Gloria mechanically poured out the water and hung the pail beneath the shelf. Then she turned.

Poor man! she murmured. I wonder if he isn't tired and hungry! She was barely conscious that her word had been audible. Her father turned with a quick laugh.

I reckon he's both, he answered sharply. Been on the move for three days, and Hampton ain't the kind to let up very easy. Hampton's the best sheriff we've ever had. He'll get Spider, all right.

Gloria bit her lip. I—I hate Mr. Hampton! she broke out. I hate him! Hillman chuckled. Why, you ain't never seen him, Gloria!

I hate him, anyhow. I don't see why they want to hunt men like—like animals for, anyway.

It's cruel! Murderers ain't the best class of people to be roaming around the country with you and me, Gloria. We got to have justice. You know what the Bible says about—

I know, daddy, she interrupted; and then fell silent. She sat down finally and watched her father load his rifle. Their eyes met abruptly.

Not that I'll be wanting it, the old man explained lamely; but something might turn up, and it's better to be ready.

After he had gone out of the house and down the trail toward the distant corral, Gloria went over and calmly unloaded the gun. This done, she placed it back in the corner and went out upon the porch.

The valley was steeped in a drifting, amethyst haze that shut out the throbbing creek and softened the gaunt, jagged outlines of the canyon mouth. The pines were green-black against the yellow sky. Rearing their white heads above the lower purple ranges, the snowy peaks caught the last kiss of the dying day and stood glorious and majestically looking down upon the quiet, mist-enveloped valley.

Gloria clasped her warm, brown hands together, and with open, shining eyes drank in the wonderful and familiar beauty of it all. It seemed impossible to realize that men, thirsting for human blood, were desecrating that dim and peaceful hollow, pitilessly driving one of their own kind before them to his death.

Poor, poor man! she murmured to herself. I suppose he's tired and sleepy and hungry. I reckon he's suffering.

Her quaint little heart, so foreign to the ways of the world beyond the hills, was not broad enough to embrace both justice and pity. For a long, long time she stood there, humming softly, only thinking, pondering, her mind far away.

Of a sudden a swift form lurched from out the gloom and stumbled toward the porch. Gloria caught at her breath.

That you daddy? She knew it was not her father.

A thin stream of light came from the partly opened door, marking an oblique line across the porch. Into this yellow gleam a white, mud-covered face showed itself.

Won't—won't you help me? came the voice, so low as to be barely audible. Gloria waited a moment to collect her thoughts, her eyes riveted upon that pitiful, white face, half hidden by a torn sombrero. Her courage came back as quickly as it had fled. Why should she fear this tired and hungry creature?

Are—are you Spider? she asked frankly.

The man grinned and his gray eyes seemed to dance.

How'd you ever guess? Daddy said they were chasing you down the canyon, and that you'd probably come past here.

I guess he was right. There wasn't no other way to get out. He passed a hand across his lips.

Why did you come here—to me? she broke out impulsively. How did you know that I'd help you?

The fugitive smiled wearily. I was hiding over there in the brush, and I heard you thinking out loud, he confessed. I trusted you.

And you're a murderer? You believe that?

She looked deep into his gray eyes and her little heart quivered, and her breath came hard. She had never gazed into a man's eyes like that before. Something in their depths seemed to challenge her first belief.

I—I don't want to believe it, she faltered, not quite sure of her words.

The hunted man's face lighted up wonderfully sudden.

Then you'll hide me? They'll be following pretty quick, and I'm so tired.

There's a place behind the stove in the kitchen, the girl hurried, swallowing the lump in her throat. They'll never think of looking there.

Hurry then, he warned. Wait till I turn down the light, she answered. It only took a moment to slip into the room and puff out the lamp. The moon was shining now, and the glow shifted into the big kitchen through the open windows.

Now, she called, in a whisper. The man slipped inside. Gloria

fumbled at a knob in the wall of slabs. Finally it obeyed her will, and, sliding it back, she disclosed a black hole.

Daddy uses it for storing furs and the like, she explained. It's dark, but you're not afraid, are you?

He came close beside her and peered in. Afraid? No afraid? Not after what I've gone through these three days! he added bitterly.

His groping fingers touched her wrist. She thrilled at their warmth.

Why didn't you force me to hide you? she asked, noting the big revolver at his hip. I always imagined bad men did such things as that.

He turned. Bad men do, came his quick response.

Oh! and she laughed timidly, holding her hands tightly together. What a strange, attractive fellow this Spider was! How gray and wide his eyes were, and how frankly, boyishly they met her own! How softly he spoke, and how quick his lips were to smile! And to think there were men who sought to kill him!

Gloria's narrow horizon had been peopled by so few that somehow, all unbidden, she caught herself wishing she might sit and talk with him.

I—I don't know how I'm ever going to thank you, the man went on, after the long interval of silence. You're doing a powerful lot for me. Is it because you are afraid? he added.

Because—because I am sorry for you, she gulped bravely, and looked up into his eyes.

Then the man did a very bold thing. He stepped over and took her face within his warm fingers.

You're a brave, dear little woman, he said tenderly, slowly; and before she could catch at her breath he had kissed her upon the forehead. She felt herself growing faint and sank back against the wall. The pressure of his warm lips burned her flesh. Her heart throbbed so madly, so wildly that she half feared she would choke for breath.

The man's voice came to her ears as from a great height. I forgot to tell you, he said, that there's another man with me. He'll be here any minute now. You'll bring him here, too, won't you, little woman?

Another man? she wavered. And then, as a sudden sound of steps came across the porch, she put out her arm and pushed the man through the opening and hurriedly closed the panel.

I'll bring—the other man—to you, she stammered. Keep quiet. Daddy's coming.

Hillman came through the door and paused irresolutely on the threshold. Gloria went across the floor and lighted the lamp.

I thought you were in bed, Gloria, he spoke up, as the girl adjusted the chimney with trembling fingers.

No, daddy. She tried hard to control her words. I was just watching the stars. It's a wonderful night.

When, after a time, the old man went upstairs to his room, leaving her alone, Gloria slipped out onto the porch. The cool, damp air was grateful to her flushed, hot face, and she drank in the refreshing breeze with deep, quivering breaths. It was at that moment, standing there in the half twilight, her hands clinched, her breast rising and falling tumultuously, that the realization crashed upon her like some brutal, remorseless first. What had she done? She had taken a hunted murderer and hid him from the law! She had suffered him to touch her hand and to press his lips against her forehead! She had given him, that poor, ragged, hungry breaker of the law, her first kiss! Something caught in her throat and she began to sob quietly, the big tears running down her hot cheeks. Then, through the mist that blinded her eyes, she saw one brave little star—her star—twinkling high up in the heavens and with a gulp she dashed the tears away.

I don't ever believe—he killed—a man, she defended. I don't believe it! Oh, he couldn't have done such a thing! He couldn't have done it, and, made me like him so!

She pressed her fingers to her forehead, where his trembling lips had touched her flesh, and that instant all the regret left her heart. Her pulses leaped as if in mute response, and a delicious sense of happiness thrilled her whole body.

I'm glad—he, kissed me! she whispered radiantly.

She slowly turned to enter the house once more, when, without warning, a mud-splattered, blood-stained form burst out from the gloom, whirled across the porch,

and gripped her brutally by the arm.

You got to hide me! the man panted, animal-like, his breath hoarse and unnatural. You got to hide me, understand? And be quick about it, too! They're right behind me!

Gloria saw a revolver in his trembling hand lifted level with her breast. For one horrible second every bit of life seemed to drain from her veins. Then she remembered Spider's last request. This creature, with the gun, was his friend.

Don't talk so loud, she cautioned faintly, but thankful that her voice did not quaver. I'll hide you away. Only—only, please put the gun down.

As she hurriedly led the way through the open door and into the kitchen, Gloria could not help comparing these two ragged fugitives. What a difference! To all appearances both were fleeing from the law, yet Spider had spoken so quietly and made no use of force. This man, panting like a spent dog, his fingers gripped about the heavy gun, sickened her. A sharp report of a rifle rang startlingly clear from out of doors. The man beside her broke into an oath and struck her upon the arm.

Why don't you hurry? he demanded savagely. Don't you hear them coming? Gloria kept her lips tightly closed. Somehow the knob stuck and would not give to her frantic fingers.

Another shot came, nearer now, and in a sudden, blind terror she was about to ask the other's help, when, with a crash, the panel slipped back, and, with rigid, extended revolver, the man who had been hidden behind it leaped out.

Put up your hands, Spider! he commanded.

The other man, whirling about as if on a pivot, his eyes distended with fright and glare, sucked in his breath with a groan and weakly lifted his arms ceilingward. His gun, slipping from his limp fingers, clattered noisily to the floor.

What immediately followed Gloria never knew, for her brain began to whirl dizzily. Men were rushing in through the open door. The air filled with boisterous shouts and commands. Her father, partly dressed; broke through the crowd just in time to put out his arms and prevent her falling. When she came to the water again; her father was frantically bathing her forehead with cold water. The men were leaving the room. Almost in a daze she saw between them a slouch; and mud-splattered, weary figure—handcuffed. Some one addressed him as Spider. He was the last man—the man who had struck her—the man who had used his gun. And the man who had kissed her was still commanding the crowd. She slipped back into oblivion, but this time with a sob of happiness.

The next time her eyes fluttered open there was another man standing beside her father—a tall man, with wide gray eyes and torn sombrero. She gazed deeply and felt her brain clear, and after a desperate attempt managed to sit erect. Hillman looked down and put his hand to her shoulder.

Hampton was just telling me that you helped him catch Spider, he began. I didn't know I had such a brave little girl.

Gloria's heart was leaping beyond all control. The other man Hampton! He was the sheriff and not the fugitive whom she hid! Instantly, the rose dawned upon her.

I'm sorry—I had to lie, Hampton was speaking now. But the boys spoke of your tender heart, and so I took the chance of getting here before Spider. Still her words refused to come.

Half the reward is yours, little woman, he resumed, after the interval. Hillman had gone toward the door with the crowd, and they were alone.

Mayn't I bring it up to you some day next week? he asked, softly.

Some day next week she repeated dutifully and then, understanding, I wish you would, Mr. Hampton, she burst out impulsively. I get loneliness sometimes. And the time when her cheeks flamed with sudden color, she was not ashamed.

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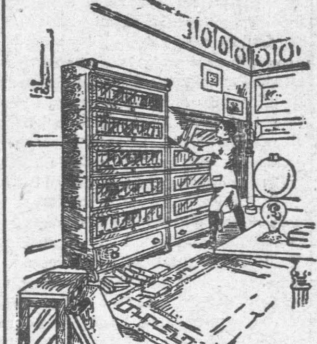
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